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*"Many Lands, Many People, Many Faiths...One Arizona"*

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## 1. Governor Proclaims April as Financial Literacy Month

PHOENIX – Governor Janet Napolitano has proclaimed the month of April 2008 as Financial Literacy Month in Arizona.

"Learning how to save and manage money wisely is part of a vital lifelong education," said Governor Napolitano. "I encourage everyone to visit my Web site for tips on becoming financially literate. Understanding the basics of personal money management can ensure Arizonans make the right decisions when it comes to buying a home, planning for retirement and financing an education for themselves or their children."

There is no better time to focus on financial literacy than now. Foreclosures in Arizona have continued to rise, and American household debt reached \$13.8 trillion at the end of 2007, more than double the amount in 1999. Consumers need to know how to create and stick to a budget, maintain good credit, and make smart financial decisions.

Leading up to Financial Literacy Month, the Governor recently announced steps the state has taken to help ensure that homeowners understand the financial implications of mortgages and foreclosures, including:

- \$1.45 million in federal grants dedicated to foreclosure education and counseling

- Training of additional foreclosure counselors across the state
- Foreclosure Prevention Workshops for at-risk homeowners throughout Arizona
- Encouraging homeowners to contact their lender or 888-996-4673 for HOPENOW (an Arizona-specific 800 number will be available in April) for mortgage foreclosure education and counseling
- Creating the Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force, which brings together 200 organizations, lenders, community leaders and government representatives to coordinate outreach and education efforts to assist homeowners facing foreclosure, including bi-lingual assistance

Each year the U.S. Congress declares April as National Financial Literacy Month. Governor Napolitano's proclamation for Financial Literacy Month is attached.

Tips on how to save, invest and manage money can be found at [www.azgovernor.gov](http://www.azgovernor.gov).

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## 2. Funding Tools for Communities, Businesses, and Workforce Development

Arizona Community and Business Financing Guide – Contains descriptions and contact information for federal, state and many private loan, grant and financing programs. The Guide is organized based on applicant eligibility – Communities/Tribes and Businesses.

Arizona State Funding Calendar – Includes the expected dates of opening, closing, and award of the various grants, loans and other competitive funding programs across state agencies.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.azcommerce.com/financing+guide.htm>

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## 3. Grants Forums in Tempe & Tucson

Don't miss your chance to connect with major funding partners this spring! The Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits will be hosting exciting Grants Forums in Tucson and Tempe where presenters will discuss funding opportunities to address local needs.

Southern Arizona Nonprofit Summit

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

YWCA of Tucson

525 N. Bonita Ave.

Tucson, AZ 85745

<http://www.arizonanonprofits.org/events/eventdetails.aspx?id=118> (copy and paste into your browser)

Valley Grants Forum

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 24, 2008

Tempe Center for the Arts

700 W. Rio Salado Parkway

Tempe, AZ 85281

<http://www.arizonanonprofits.org/events/eventdetails.aspx?id=98> (copy and paste into your browser)

or Call Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits, (602) 279-2966

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## 4. Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - Application Deadline April 4th

Time is running out for Arizona firefighters to apply for about \$500 million in grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical organizations can apply for funding to buy equipment, pay for training and modify facilities under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. Applications must be filed by 2 pm (local time) on Friday, April 4th.

Small, volunteer departments as well as large, career departments are eligible for the grants. AFG will be awarded based on FEMA's investment strategy. The top three priorities are enhancing national priorities, risk-based prioritizations and

interoperability.

More information is available on the Arizona Department of Homeland Security website [www.azdohs.gov](http://www.azdohs.gov) or on AFG's site [www.firegrantsupport.com](http://www.firegrantsupport.com)

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## 5. Jobs for Valley Youth (JVY)

JVY is a YOUTH employment program that helps prepare young people for Employment through job-readiness and training programs.

JVY is a comprehensive youth employment resource that bridges the gap between youth and employers by researching, organizing and distributing PRACTICAL information about the job market.

As important as it is to find a job, it is equally important for today's youth to begin their entry into the workforce with basic workplace knowledge and skills such as: How to market themselves to prospective employers, Resume building, Interviewing, Job seeking skills and strategies, Available entry-level jobs opportunities, Employer expectations, Applicant expectations

JOB SKILLS WORKSHOPS and JOB FAIRS - JVY Workshops are designed for youth who are entering the workforce and focuses on preparation for the job search process, workplace skills, etiquette and norms and relevant labor market information. These skills help youth to not only secure a job but to be successful once they are hired. Job Fairs offered by JVY provide youth with real opportunities to use the skills they learn with potential employers.

Follow Up - Each youth that attends a JVY workshop receives a follow up call to determine progress and for additional assistance if needed.

For more information, please contact Gretchen Holmes at 602-393-4968  
Communities In Schools | 4520 N Central Ave #560 | Phoenix, AZ 85012 | 602-252-5312

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## 6. Workshop in Technology Entrepreneurship - April 4th

Friday, April 4, 2008

8:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Location: Northern Arizona University (NAU), du Bois Conference Center, Flagstaff, Arizona

Are you a technologist? An inventor? Have entrepreneurial ambition? Want to add value to your existing company? The Northern Arizona Center for Emerging Technologies and Northern Arizona University will host a one-day workshop Friday, April 4 on the basics of technology entrepreneurship.

Join us to hear dynamic speakers Sharon Ballard, William Travis, and many more!

At Invention to Venture, you will:

- \*\* Explore technology entrepreneurship fundamentals
- \*\* Discover how to turn an innovative product idea into a new technology venture
- \*\* Hear motivational and informative lessons from local innovators and entrepreneurs
- \*\* Network with the people who can help make your ideas a reality

Cost:

\$10 for students

\$40 for faculty and staff

\$40 for alumni & NACET clients

\$50 for business community members and all others

Participant guide, breakfast, lunch, and a networking reception are all included in the fee!

For more information and to register, visit <http://www.invention2venture.org/northernaz/>

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## **7. People of Color "Building Tobacco Free Communities" Conference - April 8th**

Tuesday, April 8, 2008  
7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Hope Center  
First Institutional Baptist Church,  
1141 E. Jefferson Street, Phoenix

The conference is free of charge and lunch will be provided at no charge

Sponsored by Tanner Community Development Corporation (TCDC), the Arizona Department of Health Services Bureau of Tobacco Education & Prevention and St. Luke's Health Initiatives, this anti-tobacco use conference promises to make a difference in the lives of individuals, families and the community .

Register on the TCDC website at [www.tcdccorp.org](http://www.tcdccorp.org)

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## **8. ADOT Annual DBE Conference - April 23rd**

Desert Willow Conference Center - Phoenix, AZ  
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM  
Registration: \$25.00/person

For up-to-date conference information, visit [www.azdbe.org](http://www.azdbe.org)

For more conference information: Kuniklo Corporation Patti Tellez, Conference Coordinator (623) 505-4855  
[patti.tellez@kuniklo.com](mailto:patti.tellez@kuniklo.com)

For registration please contact: Donato Consulting Kathy Donato Conference Coordinator (520) 731-8154  
[donatoconsulting@yahoo.com](mailto:donatoconsulting@yahoo.com) Arizona Department of Transportation DBE Supportive Services Program 1135 N. 22nd Ave. 2nd Floor Phoenix, AZ 85009

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## **9. Construction in Indian Country Conference - May 12th-14th**

May 12-14, 2008  
Radisson Ft. McDowell Resort  
Fort McDowell, Arizona

The mission of the conference is to assist in managing construction among American Indian Nations while providing valuable educational opportunities to American Indian students. To accomplish this mission, the conference aims to:

1. Educate Tribes and contractors about the realities and opportunities concerning construction in Indian Country;
2. Maintain an educational grant and endowment for American Indian students attending Arizona State University's Del E. Webb School of Construction and;
3. Provide research and training efforts for Tribal Nations through sponsorships and proceeds from the conference.

To register, please visit <http://construction.asu.edu/ciic/conference.html>

For more information, contact 480.727.3105 or visit the website at <http://construction.asu.edu/ciic>

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## **10. Legal Diversity Awards Luncheon - May 16th**

Fulbright & Jaworski's Legal Diversity Awards Luncheon  
"Diversity Challenges in the Legal Profession"

May 16, 2008  
12:30 pm - 2:30 pm  
The Westin Galleria Hotel - Houston, TX

Keynote Speaker - John Ashcroft, 79th U.S. Attorney General

For more information contact David Miles at 713.213.3331 or david.miles@texasdiversityconference.com

Visit the website at <http://www.texasdiversityconference.com/>

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## **11. GCMSDC 14th Annual Awards Dinner - May 17th**

14th Annual Awards Dinner hosted by the Grand Canyon Minority Supplier Development Council  
"Eminence: A Celebration of Success"

Saturday, May 17, 2008  
The Buttes Marriott Resort  
2000 West Court Way  
Tempe, AZ 85282

5:30pm - 6:30pm Reception and Vacation Getaway Silent Auction  
6:30pm - 9:30pm Dinner, Presentation & Awards Ceremony

Black Tie/Formal Attire

Early Bird Registration  
\$199.00 Corporate/ \$99.00 MBE

Deadline for Early Bird Registration- Friday, April 25, 2008

Download registration for at [http://www.gcmsdc.org/gcmsdc\\_docs/121/Awards%20Dinner%20Registration%20Form.pdf](http://www.gcmsdc.org/gcmsdc_docs/121/Awards%20Dinner%20Registration%20Form.pdf)

For additional information, log on to our website at [www.gcmsdc.org](http://www.gcmsdc.org) contact Carmen Rogers, VP of Operations at (602) 495-9950 or by email at carmen.rogers@gcmsdc.org.

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